

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on February 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 282, 2/12/2015

**Executive Action:**

SB 260 Do Pass  
SB 252 Do Pass As Amended  
SB 282 Do Pass  
HB 158 Be Concurred In As Amended  
SB 14 Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 282**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:22 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 282, Revising board of regents' authority to approve post secondary institutions.

00:03:46 Sen. Keenan entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:33 Jessica Brubaker, associate legal counsel, Montana University System (MUS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:07 Sen. Hansen  
00:06:34 Ms. Brubaker, MUS  
00:08:33 Sen. Hansen  
00:08:58 Ms. Brubaker  
00:10:24 Sen. Hansen  
00:11:03 Ms. Brubaker  
00:13:12 Chairman Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:28 Sen. Facey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 260**

00:15:25 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 260 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:16:30 Chairman Brown  
00:16:39 Sen. Facey  
00:17:24 Sen. Jones  
00:17:59 Sen. Facey  
00:18:11 Chairman Brown

00:18:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Moe were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 252**

00:19:00 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 252 DO PASS.**

00:19:21 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 252 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(eds35a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:19:35 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:22:06 Sen. Jones

00:22:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Moe were excused.

00:22:54 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SB 252 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:23:27 Sen. Facey  
00:24:00 Sen. Jones  
00:24:09 Sen. Facey  
00:24:13 Sen. Jones  
00:25:16 Sen. Facey  
00:25:23 Sen. Jones  
00:26:22 Sen. Facey  
00:26:45 Sen. Jones  
00:27:31 Sen. Facey  
00:27:55 Sen. Jones  
00:28:26 Sen. Hansen  
00:29:19 Chairman Brown  
00:29:39 Sen. Jones  
00:30:35 Chairman Brown

00:30:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Moe were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 158**

00:31:41 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 158 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:32:05 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 158 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(eds35a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:32:23 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:33:04 Sen. Facey  
  
00:33:07 Sen. Cohenour entered the hearing.  
  
00:34:01 Chairman Brown

00:34:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Hansen voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Moe voted by proxy.

00:35:47 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 158 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:57 Sen. Arntzen  
00:37:18 Chairman Brown

00:37:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Moe voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 14**

00:38:10 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 14 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:38:35 Sen. Facey  
00:39:05 Sen. Cohenour  
00:39:54 Sen. Arntzen  
00:40:39 Chairman Brown

00:41:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Moe voted by proxy.

00:42:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 14 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Moe were excused.

**Discussion:**

00:43:17 Chairman Brown  
00:43:46 Sen. Cohenour  
00:43:49 Chairman Brown

00:44:42 Recess  
01:11:39 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 282**

01:12:38 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 282 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:14:00 Chairman Brown  
01:14:15 Sen. Hansen  
01:14:59 Chairman Brown  
01:15:12 Sen. Jones

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01:17:12 Sen. Arntzen

01:18:14 Chairman Brown

01:18:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Moe voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:28 P.M.

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Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds35aad.pdf](#))